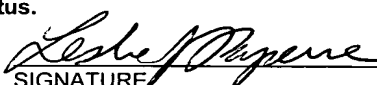


Form PTO-1390  U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER P26589  U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">10/521 460</div>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/009303	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 23 July 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 25 July 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION LIQUID BAG, MOUTH MEMBER FOR THE LIQUID BAG, AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Mitsuru CHIBA		
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (23) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). "Executed"</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 11 to 16 below concern other document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Assignee: <u>SENKO MEDICAL INSTRUMENT MFG. CO. LTD., of Tokyo, Japan</u></li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.  <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Figure of Drawing to be published: <u>1</u></li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.</li> <li>20. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).</li> <li>21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).</li> <li>22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:          International Application as published in Japanese.          PCT/ISA/210 International Search Report (in English and Japanese).          PCT/RO/101 PCT Request (in Japanese).          PCT/IPEA/409 International Preliminary Examination Report (in Japanese).          PCT/IB/304.          PCT/IB/306.          Claim of Priority.       </li> </ol>		

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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$ 0.00	
Basic National Stage Fee		\$300.00	\$ 300.00		
National Stage Application Size Fee – for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets		\$250.00	\$ 0.00		
National Stage Search Fee		\$500.00	\$ 500.00		
National Stage Examination Fee		\$200.00	\$ 200.00		
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	14 - 20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$ 0.00	
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$ 0.00	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)		+ \$360.00	\$ 0.00		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$ 0.00	
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$ 40.00	
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<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>1,040.00</u> to cover the above fees is included.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>19-0089</u>.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> <p>e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 CFR 1.136(a)(3)).</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>					
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